## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

DANNY R. DAWKINS,	)
Petitioner,	)
v.	) Case No. CIV-12-21-M
JUSTIN JONES, ODOC Director,	)
Respondent.	)

## **Report and Recommendation**

Mr. Danny R. Dawkins seeks habeas relief, and the Court should transfer the action to the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

The Petitioner is challenging a conviction imposed in Hughes County District Court, which is located in the Eastern District of Oklahoma. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 116(b). The Petitioner is apparently incarcerated at the Lawton Correctional Facility, which is located in the Western District of Oklahoma. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 116(c). Under these circumstances, the Eastern and Western districts have concurrent jurisdiction over the habeas petition. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). However, this Court enjoys discretion to transfer the action to the Eastern District of Oklahoma for hearing and determination. *See id*.

The Court should exercise this discretion and transfer the action to the Eastern District of Oklahoma. For a habeas petition which challenges the validity of the conviction, this district and the Eastern District of Oklahoma share the view that adjudication should ordinarily take place in the district where the conviction was obtained. This view is based, in part, on the shared belief that ordinarily the records and counsel will be available in the

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district where the prosecution took place. Under these circumstances, the undersigned

recommends transfer of the action to the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

The parties are advised of their right to object to this report and recommendation by

January 30, 2012. See 28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a)(1)(C), 6(d), 72(b)(2). Any

such objection must be filed with the Court Clerk for the United States District Court,

Western District of Oklahoma. Failure to timely object would waive Mr. Dawkins' right to

challenge the transfer in a subsequent appeal. See Moore v. United States, 950 F.2d 656, 659

(10th Cir. 1991).

This report and recommendation terminates the referral.

The undersigned directs the Court Clerk to send the report and recommendation to the

Petitioner and the Attorney General of Oklahoma. The copy for the Attorney General of

Oklahoma is for informational purposes only.

Entered this 12th day of January, 2012.

Robert E. Bacharach

United States Magistrate Judge

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